

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION OF MEETING HELD 22 APRIL

SUBJECT: Procedures in the Watch Committee

PRESENT: General Weckerling, G-2

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Mr. James Q. Reber, CIA

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1. General Weckerling indicated that he had not been informed by General Bolling of the conversation between Mr. Becker and General Bolling on the subject of our visit.

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2. [redacted] proposed the following ideas which we believe would make the Watch Committee's activities more useful:

a. That there be prepared by the Watch Committee secretariat on Tuesday a paper listing the most important indicators and the essential facts bearing on these indicators as contributed by the agencies; this is to be distributed on Tuesday afternoon or early Wednesday morning; no conclusions were to be included.

b. That the Watch Committee on Wednesday morning would then address this paper and discuss the significance of these indicators and conclusions to be drawn.

3. After some backing and filling General Weckerling agreed that as a beginning he would discuss with the Watch Committee a proposal that each agency submit its indicators already in multiple copies. We agreed that quite apart from whether the rest went along G-2 and CIA would submit theirs on Tuesday afternoon, hoping that the others would eventually follow suit. It was clearly recognized that under this procedure G-2 would not need to read its indicator contribution at the Watch Committee.

4. There appeared to be no real need for additional personnel in the secretariat at this time inasmuch as each contributing agency could take care of the production of the stencils or submit enough copies to the secretariat for distribution.

5. It was agreed that subsequently after this had been tried out we could explore whether or not the secretariat could make a refinement of these contributions toward a more systematic presentation of the materials preliminary to the meeting.

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